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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT BANDA DESCRIBES ZAMBIAN APPROACH TO MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES. AS RESULT, JORGE JARDIM WENT LUSAKA JULY 23 TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT CHONA. REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT KAUNDA NOW BELIEVES DAR ES SALAAM WILL NOT MEET ZAMBIA'S TRANSPORT NEEDS AND INTERESTED IN NACALA. HE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENCE FRELIMO IN ZAMBIA. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT, JARDIM STILL DESIRES WORK FOR ACCOMMODATION WITH BLACKS IN MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING HOUR-LONG TALK WITH PRESIDENT BANDA JULY 23 HE PROVIDED ME ACCOUNT BELOW ON DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS AND WITHIN MOZAMBIQUE (OTHER SUBJECTS

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REPORTED SEPTELS). PRESIDENT WAS IN RELAXED JOVIAL MOOD

DESPITE PRESS OF PEOPLE WAITING TO SEE HIM.

3. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON TELEPHONED JAIME DE SOUSA, HONORARY PORTUGUESE CONSUL IN BLANTYRE, WHO WAS IN LISBON AND REQUESTED MEETING. DE SOUSA DEMURRED ASKING IF HIGH COMMISSIONER SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF OR FOR GRZ. HIGH COMMISSIONER ASSURED DE SOUSA HE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LUSAKA. THEY MET IN PARIS. HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD DE SOUSA PRESIDENT KAUNDA WANTED TO HOLD TALKS WITH MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES ABOUT USE OF NACALA PORT. GRZ HAD BEEN IN ERROR IN CONCENTRATING SO MUCH ON DAR AND TANZAM RAILWAY. IT NOW CLEAR DAR WAS NOT ADEQUATE PORT AND COULD NOT MEET ZAMBIAN NEEDS. ZAMBIA SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO MALAWI'S VIEWS ON NACALA ROUTE. DE SOUSA REPLIED PERSON TO TALK WITH WAS JORGE JARDIM. HIGH COMMISSIONER REPORTED BACK TO LUSAKA AND THEN INVITED JARDIM TO VISIT LUSAKA. JARDIM AND DE SOUSA CONSULTED PRESIDENT BANDA. AFTER SOME HESITATION JARDIM AGREED TO GO ACCOMPANIED BY DE SOUSA UPON BEING CONVINCED THIS WAS GENUINE APPROACH BY KAUNDA. THEY MET WITH PRESIDENT BANDA JULY 22 TO DISCUSS TRIP AND FLEW TO LUSAKA JULY 23 WHERE THEY SCHEDULED TO MEET VICE PRESIDENT MAINZA CHONA.

4. WITHOUT MAKING SPECIFIC SOURCE OF THIS OBSERVATION PRESIDENT BANDA SAID KAUNDA'S APPROACH TO MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES RESULTED FROM CONCERN OVER FRELIMO AS WELL AS NEED TO USE NACALA. PRESIDENT ALLEGED KAUNDA WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT PRESENCE OF FRELIMO IN ZAMBIA. INSIDE ZAMBIA GUERRILLAS BECAME SIMPLE THIEVES AND WERE CAUSING HIM MANY PROBLEMS. OF COURSE KAUNDA BOUND TO SUPPORT FRELIMO PUBLICLY BUT IN FACT HE WISHED TO GET RID OF THEM.

5. I ASKED PRESIDENT BANDA ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF WIDER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES AND ZAMBIANS. PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT (AS REPORTED REFTEL) JARDIM STILL MOST INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT SOME SORT OF ACCOMMODATION WITH BLACKS IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH FRELIMO AS SUCH, NOR WOULD CAETANO AGREE TO HIS DOING SO. BUT, JARDIM PREPARED TO TALK WITH INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING FORMER MEMBERS OF FRELIMO. PRESIDENT SAID THREE IMPORTANT PERSONS RECENTLY

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DEFECTED FROM FRELIMO BUT HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM. HE POINTED OUT ASSEMBLY IN MOZAMBIQUE NOW HAD MAJORITY OF AFRICAN MEMBERS AND THIS WAS WAY MALAWI STARTED ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE.

6. REGARDING JARDIM'S STATUS, PRESIDENT SAID SIMPLY: "JARDIM RUNS MOZAMBIQUE." IN ADDITION JARDIM'S RELATIONS WITH CAETANO REMAIN CLOSE.

7. CONCLUDING THIS PORTION OF CONVERSATION, PRESIDENT DECLARED AS HE HAS IN PAST THAT CERTAIN PERSONS IN U.S. AND BRITAIN APPEAR TO ACCEPT KAUNDA'S THESIS THAT CHOICE IS REQUIRED BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS WAS INCORRECT APPROACH. INSTEAD OF MAKING CHOICE, U.S. AND BRITAIN SHOULD WORK FOR ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN THE RACES. I ASSURED PRESIDENT U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTED NEGOTIATIONS ROUTE. WE DID NOT BELIEVE IN USE OF FORCE, INSTEAD WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PARTIES DEVELOP MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION.

8. REGARDING INSURGENCY IN MOZAMBIQUE, PRESIDENT CLAIMED FRELIMO NOT DOING NEARLY AS WELL AS ITS PROPAGANDISTS SAY. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, HE CITED COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY FRELIMO IN DAR CLAIMING SUCCESSFUL ATTACK BY FRELIMO. THIS WRITTEN BY MAN WHO IN FACT LIVING IN MALAWI'S MANGOCHÉ DISTRICT WITH MALAWIAN WIFE. HE SENT REPORTS SIMPLY IN ORDER TO COLLECT MONEY. PRESIDENT, USING GUIDE MICHELIN TO ILLUSTRATE, FREELY ADMITTED FRELIMO TRANSITS MALAWI ENROUTE TO MOZAMBIQUE. ANOTHER MAJOR CORRIDOR GOES FROM LUSAKA NORTH OF ZAMBEZI RIVER. FRELIMO FEARS THAT ONCE CABORA BASSA DAM FINISHED AND BASIN STARTS TO FILL THIS ROUTE WILL BE BLOCKED.
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